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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SADAT
ABOUT LONDON TALKS

1. PLEASE DELIVERY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRESIDENT SADAT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAS INFORMED ME OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE
OF MY PROPOSAL TO INVITE YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF ISRAEL TO JOIN SECRETARY VANCE FOR
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TALKS IN LONDON JULY 18 AND 19 AS A NEXT STEP IN THE
MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. I VERY MUCH WELCOME
YOUR POSITIVE RESPONSE AND, BY THIS LETTER, WANT FORMALLY
TO CONFIRM TO YOU MY INVITATION TO SEND FOREIGN MINISTER
KAMEL TO THESE TALKS. I AM ADDRESSING A SIMILAR LETTER
TODAY TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN.

AS YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS INDICATED THAT BEFORE REACHING A FORMAL DECISION, FORHIS FOREGN MINISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS, HE WISH TO STUDY

THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL WHICH YOU ENTRUSTED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO CONVEY TO ME AND WHICH WE WILL BE TRANSMITTING SHORTLY TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALREADY INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY AGREE TO THE TALKS IN PRINCIPLE AND I HAVE EVERY HOPE WE WILL HAVE THEIR FORMAL ACCEPTANCE SOON.

I KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU SHARE MY SENSE OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF MAKING THIS NEW BEGINNING IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS A PRODUCTIVE ONE. WE MUST NOT LET THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS. I URGE YOU, AS I AM URGING PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, TO MAKE A FAR-REACHING EFFORT TO REACH AREAS OF ACCOMMODATION. FOR MY PART, I AM DETERMINED TO DO ALL I CAN TO HELP IN THAT EFFORT.

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO EGYPT TO SEE YOU. THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING HIM SO WARMLY AND HOSPITABLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING HIS FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF HIS TALK WITH YOU.

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FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I VALUE OUR TALKS TOGETHER, AND I THEREFORE PARTICULARLY REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE DOES NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO MEET WHEN I AM IN EUROPE LATER THIS MONTH.

WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

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